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Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

Official meetings

Monday, 16 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 — 5th plenary meeting [webcast] — Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Statement by Her Excellency Anabela Rodrigues, Minister of Internal Administration of Portugal

Statement by Her Excellency Lina Dolores Pohl, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador

Statement by His Excellency Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan

Statement by His Excellency Andre Johnson, Minister of Environment of Togo

Statement by His Excellency Marciej Grabowski, Minister of Environment of Poland

Statement by Mr. Vladimir Bozhko, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan

Statement by Mr. Mitiku Kassa, State Minister of Agriculture of Ethiopia

Statement by Mr. Desmond Sawyne, Minister of State for International Development of the United Kingdom

Statement by Mr. Miloš Bizjak, State Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Slovenia

Statement by Mr. Orujali Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan

Statement by Mr. Silva Roque Samuel, Vice-Minister of State Administration and Public Service of Mozambique

[1]Speakers remaining from a plenary meeting, if any, will be given the floor at the beginning of the next meeting.

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Statement by Mr. René Oscar Cabrera Coca, Vice-Minister of Public Defence of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

Statement by Mr. Hans Brattskar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway

Statement by Mr. Luis Aguilera, Vice-Minister for Home Affairs of Spain

Statement by Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior of Romania

Statement by Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany

Statement by Mr. Melizi Tahar, Vice-Minister, Head of the Natural Delegation of Major Risks of Algeria

Hungary

United States

Israel

Guyana

State of Palestine

Costa Rica

Bosnia and Herzegovina

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Statement by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Statement by Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Workers and Trade Unions Major Group

15:00 to 18:00 6th plenary meeting [webcast] Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Statement by His Excellency Dan Kesch, Minister for Home Affairs of Luxembourg

Statement by Her Excellency Laurentina Mallam, Minister of Environment of Nigeria

Statement by His Excellency Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands

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Statement by Ms. Zoraima Cuello, Vice-Minister in the Presidency of the Dominican Republic

Peru

Lebanon

Guatemala

Tuvalu

Austria

Greece

Statement by Her Excellency Lilianne Ploumen, Minister of International Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands

Argentina

Holy See

Morocco

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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations Volunteers

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

United Nations Office for Space Affairs

Pacific Islands Forum

World Health Organization

Statement by His Excellency Shamil Aleskerov, Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization

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Persons Living with Disabilities

Science and Technology Major Group

Ministerial round table 3: Governing disaster risk: overcoming challenges

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

Her Excellency María del Pilar Cornejo, National Secretary for Risk Management of Ecuador

Ministerial round table 4: Reducing disaster risk in urban settings

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

His Excellency Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 2: Risk-sensitive investment: Public-private partnerships

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Exhibition Hall 1

Chair

His Excellency Fuat Oktay, Director-General of the Prime Ministry Emergency and Disaster Management Authority of Turkey

Keynote speaker

Ms. Gaëlle Olivier, Chief Executive Officer, General Insurance, AXA Asia

Moderator

Mr. David Eades, International journalist

Panellists

Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands

Ms. Sandra Wu, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Kokusai Kogyo and Chair of UNISDR's Private Sector Advisory Group and Private Sector Partnership

Mr. Toshiyuki Shiga, Representative Director and Vice-Chair, Nissan Motor Corporation, Limited

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Interactive Exchange

Programme of working sessions and side events

The interactive online programme of working sessions and side events (on-site) to be held during the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is available on the official Conference website (please *click here*). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to wcdrr2015@un.org (with subject line "Public Forum").

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 7th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

   Statement by His Excellency Jayeshwar Raj Dayal,Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, Disaster and Beach Management of Mauritius

   Statement by His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Forest Economy and Sustainable Development of the Congo

   Statement by His Excellency Paousman Jarju, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Water and Wild Life of the Gambia

   Statement by Mr. Wilbur Heine, Minister in Assistance to the President of Marshall Islands

   Statement by Ms. Laurentina Mallam, Minister of Environment of Nigeria

   Statement by Her Excellency Kadiatu N'diaye, Minister in charge of Environment, Water and Forest of Guinea

   Statement by His Excellency Hilary Obaloker Onek, Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, Uganda

   Statement by His Excellency Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Fiji

   Statement by Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

   Benin

   Nicaragua

   The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

   Jordan

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

   Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

   International Labour Organization

   UN-Women

   Council of Europe

   Sovereign Military Order of Malta

   Secretariat of the Pacific Community

   International Committee of the Red Cross

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

NGO Major Group

15:00 to 18:00 8th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Statement by Her Excellency Nicole Angeline Zan Yelemou, Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso

Statement by His Excellency Eugene Serufuli, Minister for Rural Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Canada

Belgium

Haiti

Finland

Afghanistan

Panama

Colombia

Sierra Leone

Lesotho

Cook Islands

New Caledonia (Associate Member)

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United Nations Children's Fund

United Nations University

Gulf Cooperation Council

Secretariat of the Regional Environment Programme

Statement by Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization

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Business and Industry Major Group

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3: Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together

10:00 to 13:00 Exhibition Hall 1

Co-Chairs

His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica

His Excellency Vladimir Puchkov, Minister of Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters of the Russian Federation

Keynote speaker

His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati

Moderator

Ms. Veronica Pedrosa, International journalist

Panellists

Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister of Urban Development and Informal Settlements of Egypt

Her Excellency Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania

Mr. Nicola Valluzzi, President of the province of Potenza, Italy

Mr. William Anthony Kirsopp Lake, Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund

Mr. Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Mr. Carlos Kaiser Mansilla, ONG Inclusiva, representative of Civil Society

Ms. Josephine Basibas Castillo, DAMPA, representative of Civil Society

Ministerial round table 5: Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction

15:00 to 18:00 Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior of Romania

Announcements

Delegates who received travel support are requested to go to Room B116 to sign attendance sheets.

The World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), the Government of Japan, the European Commission and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will host a special round of the Resilience Dialogue series as part of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, from 10:00 to 11:30, at the Hotel Metropolitan Sendai, 4F Sendai Room.

A *daily* coordination briefing for Major Groups and other stakeholders will take place in Room B-115 of the Sendai International Centre.

"Hyogo Framework Action Success Story" videos will be showcased at the Auditorium, Sendai City Museum (opposite to Sendai International Centre) from 13:15 to 15:45 (*in English*) and from 18:00 to 18:45 (*in Spanish*). Please *click here* for the full broadcast schedule, and *click here* to watch the full playlist online.

Additional information on the Conference is available on the conference website (please *click here*).

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on B306, Level 3, Sendai International Conference Centre Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Summary of official meetings

Sunday, 15 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

[archive video]

3rd plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency John Amarathunga, Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Religious Affairs of Sri Lanka; His

Excellency Richard Brabec, Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic; His Excellency Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Minister of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh; Her Excellency Annick Girardin, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie of France; His Excellency Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Minister of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Iran; His Excellency René Emmanuel Sadi, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization of Cameroon; His Excellency K. Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore; His Excellency Michael Keenan, Minister for Justice of Australia; His Excellency Faamoetauloa Taito Faale Tumaalii, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa; His Excellency Kim Gyejo, Deputy Minister of Public Safety and Security of the Republic of Korea; His Excellency Joaquin Roa, Minister for National Emergencies of Paraguay; His Excellency Gilberto Magalhães Occhi, Minister of National Integration of Brazil; His Excellency Abdoulaye Balde, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal; His Excellency Rashid Ahmed Bin-Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates; His Excellency Aaron Cook, Minister for Commerce, Industry and Environment of Nauru; His Excellency Mahafaly Solonandrasana Olivier Jocelyn, Minister of Interior and Decentralization of Madagascar; His Excellency Kubatbek Boronov, Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan; His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica; His Excellency Ismat Abdelrahman Zeinelabdin Elhassan, Minister of Interior of the Sudan; Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister for Urban Renewal and Informal Settlements of Egypt; and His Excellency Qutaiba Ibrahim Turki, Minister of Environment of Iraq.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the United Nations Office for Project Services, the World Food Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, and by Mr. Jean Claude de l'Estrac, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

4th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard an address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; His Excellency Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles; His Excellency Armen Yeritsyan, Minister of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of Armenia; His Excellency Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Environment and Energy of Maldives; His Excellency Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; Her Excellency Isabel Guterres Amaral, Minister of Social Solidarity of Timor-Leste; His Excellency Nejib Derouiche, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia; Her Excellency Marisa Morais, Minister for Home Affairs of Cabo Verde; Her Excellency Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of Myanmar; His Excellency Ramón Pardo Guerra, Minister of Civil Defence of Cuba; His Excellency Rémi Allah-Kouadio, Minister of

Environment and Sustainable Development of Côte d'Ivoire; Her Excellency Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden; His Excellency Gerrard Brownlee, Leader of the House, Minister of Defence, Minister of Canterbury Earthquake Recovery and Minister responsible for the Earthquake Commission of New Zealand; Mr. Lapo Pistelli, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy; Mr. Edgardo Riveros Marin, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Chile; Mr. Syed Tariq Fatemi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan; and Mr. Luis Felipe Puente, State Minister and National Coordinator for Civil Protection of Mexico; and by the representatives of the Philippines and Qatar.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by Ms. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union; Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration; and Mr. Tadateru Konoe, President of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

The Conference heard a statement by the representative of the Women Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Ministerial Round table 1 on "Reconstruction after disasters: building back better"

The Chair of round table 1, His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Tonga, China, Madagascar, Malawi, Czech Republic, Iceland, Australia, France, Kenya, the Maldives, Pakistan, Paraguay, South Sudan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Lebanon and the Philippines.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the World Bank Group and the United Nations Development Programme.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Japan Civil Society Coalition.

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 1 closed.

Ministerial round table 2 on "International cooperation in support of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction"

The Chair of round table 2, His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Russian

Federation, Sweden, Kyrgyzstan, Chile, the Cook Islands, Georgia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, Austria, Israel, Fiji, Morocco and Peru.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the World Bank Group and the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Green Climate Fund and the International Disability Alliance.

The Chair declared Ministerial round table 2 closed.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

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Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

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of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Copies of written statements shall not be made by the secretariat and the written statements shall not be issued as official documents of the Conference.

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